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Serial No.: 10/086,072 Group Art Unit: 1617
Title: **COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING
SINUSOIDAL OBSTRUCTION SYNDROME AND RADIATION-
INDUCED LIVER DISEASE**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on June 3, 2003, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due September 3, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge the fee due to the undersigned's Deposit Account. In view of the filing of the Three Month Extension of Time and payment of the fee, a response is now due December 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

The Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.